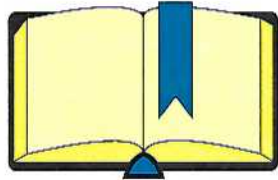


# RESPECT THE NAME OF GOD

God's name is holy. We should never use it carelessly or as a swearword. We should only use it to speak well of Him. We should hold in high regard all things that pertain to God and His worship.

## MY BIBLE WORDS TO LEARN



**Vain:** empty; having no real value.

**Praise:** to glorify; worship; an expression of approval.

**Respect:** high or special regard; esteem.

## BIBLE STORY

Exodus 20:7; 1 Samuel 25:1-42

A man named Nabal had great possessions in the land of Carmel. He was shearing his sheep there. His wife's name was Abigail. Nabal was hateful and evil but his wife was beautiful and an understanding woman.

David and his men watched over Nabal's sheep as his shepherds kept them. Nothing happened to them. Not one was lost.

David sent ten young men to Nabal for provisions. They said, as David told them to, "Peace be with you and your house. Your shepherds were with us and we did not hurt them. Not a sheep was lost. Now give us whatever you can."

Nabal had no respect for David. He said angrily, "Who is David? There are many runaway servants who have broken away nowadays. Shall I give to someone when I do not know from whence he came?"

The young men returned. David was angry when he heard how they had been treated. He called his men to put on their swords. They started to Nabal's house.

One of Nabal's servants went to Abigail. He told how the men who asked for provisions for David had been treated. "David's men were really good to us. They were like a wall night and day between us and danger. He is coming against our master."

Abigail hurried and packed a lot of food on donkeys. She went to David. She met him and his men. She got down off the donkey and fell before David. She said, "I beg of you to let me speak to you. Nabal is as his name, folly. He is a vain man. Please do not avenge yourself nor shed blood so that when you are ruler over Israel there will be no grief because you shed blood."

David praised God. He said, "Blessed be God who sent you to me. Blessed be your advice. Go in peace. I have listened to you." He did not harm Nabal but when Nabal heard what had happened, the Lord took his life.

David sent for Abigail to be his wife.

### My Memory Verse

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Exodus 20:7



Study the memory verse until you can say the words easily. Write the words from memory. The first letter of each word will help you remember.

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Exodus 20:7

## God's Great Name

Our Lord has a great, great name. The early disciples healed people in the name of Jesus. It is through His name we receive forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

What does our Lord have? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the early disciples do in the name of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

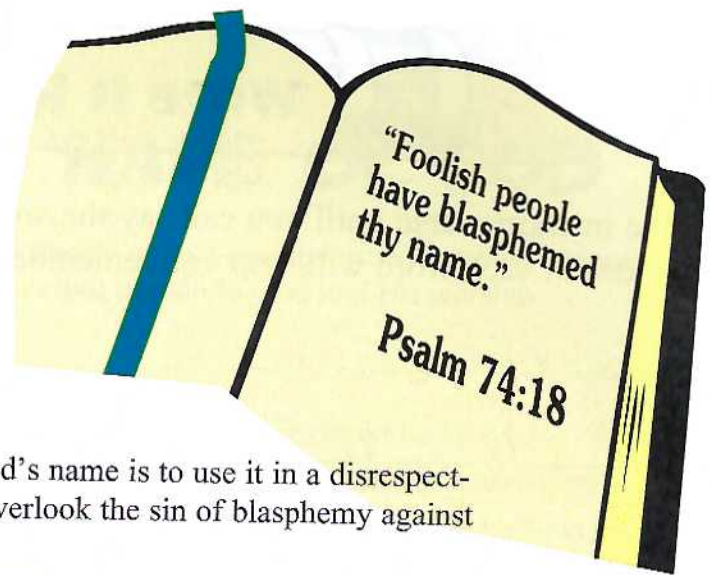
What do we receive through the name of Jesus?

What will all people someday do at the name of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

With all those reasons to honor His name, why do you think some people still take God's name in vain through swearing or without respect and reverence?

What will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't  
be one of  
"them"!**



God's name is holy. To blaspheme God's name is to use it in a disrespectful and irreverent way. God will not overlook the sin of blasphemy against His holy name.

## You need to know these definitions.

**gosh**, *interj.* an exclamation of surprise, a euphemism for *God*.

**gol'ly**, *interj.* an exclamation of surprise, a euphemism for *God*.

**gee**, *interj.* euphemistic contraction of *Jesus*. an exclamation of surprise [Slang].

**heck**, *interj.* [orig. dial. (Lancashire) Eng. (*h*)eck, cry of surprise or warning.] an exclamation used as a euphemism for *hell*. [Slang.]

**darn**, *v.t., n., adj., adv., interj.* [from *damn*.] *damn*, a euphemism for the curse. [Colloq.]

**Euphemism** (eu-phe-mism) means to substitute a less offensive word for one that is distasteful in conversation.

*"Holy and reverend is his name," Psalm 111:9*

## CONTRACT

I know and understand that God's name is worthy of my respect. I hereby purpose to hold His name in reverence. God being my helper, I will keep my heart pure so my mouth will not say His name in blasphemy. I will use God's name only in praise through prayer, singing or in conversation.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_